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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.—Matthew 5:8.

Holy God, just as the fluid in our physical eyes keeps our eyes cleansed, so may Your Holy spirit cleanse, dilate, and focus the vision of the spiritual eyes of our hearts. As we begin this day, we open our hearts to be filled with Your Holy spirit. We desire to be pure in heart so that we may see You more clearly and love You more dearly. We know that mixed motives prevent us from seeing You. We long for our hearts to be free of the admixtures of pride, selfishness, manipulation, lust for power, jealousy, envy, negative criticism, and resentment. We reaffirm our desire to be single minded for You, God—to put You first in our life and make an unreserved commitment that enables us to rivet our attention upon You.

Today, we accept the gifts of Your Holy spirit and live supernaturally. We will gratefully be a channel for the flow of the fruit of Your spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We pray that we will see more clearly Your presence in the world, in circumstances, in people, and in the new person You are creating in us. We want to start this day with pure hearts so that we may behold more of the wonder of Your grace and goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume the consideration of H.R. 3540, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3540) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Simpson amendment No. 5088, to strike the provision which extends reduced refugee standards for certain groups.

Lieberman amendment No. 5078, to reallocate funds for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

AMENDMENT NO. 5088

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FRAHM). There will now be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, on the amendment of the Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. SIMPSON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam President, what is the status of matters in order? Is the first amendment the Simpson amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. SIMPSON. Is that 2 minutes or 1 minute?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Two minutes equally divided.

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam President, the purpose of this amendment is to go back to the 1980 Refugee Act. The 1980 Refugee Act provided for case-by-case determination of all refugees.

In 1989, we had the Lautenberg amendment, which was very appropriate at that time. It simply said we would presume that people who were Jewish or Angelical Christians or

Pentacostals would be refugees. That was appropriate when the Soviet Union was our enemy.

In this bill, we give them \$640 million. They are a G-7 partner. They are our ally.

Now we are still using 48,000 precious numbers out of an entire number of 78,000 to give to people who are presumed to be refugees—we give them the status. Some of them wait a year before they even come. Then we find it being misused by fraud and abuse with the Russian mafia coming through the system with regard to this presumption of refugee status.

We ought to go back to case by case, and no one will be left out.

Mr. LAUTENBERG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Madam President, I hope that my colleagues will vote against the amendment by Senator SIMPSON. He wants to strike out extension of current law, which frankly I think is essential. When we look at the new Russia, the former Soviet Union, we see, though they apparently are democratized in many areas, the fact of the matter is that an integral part of the political platform in the last election was to rail against Jews and other religions not satisfactory to them.

Zhirinovsky, the head of the Nationalist Party, said that the way the country has to resolve its problems is to get rid of its Jews.

Lebed, the now National Security Adviser to President Yeltsin, made derogatory remarks about Jews and about Mormons, calling them a "scum" religion.

So, if that tells you where we are going, I hope that my colleagues will vote against this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Wyoming. On

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